

# Re: Scheduling Tasks in Windows XP Professional with a no password acc

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DBost wrote:

Recently I received a new PC with Windows XP Professional to replace an existing leased PC with Windows 2000. This PC runs a scheduled task once per day to activate a batch file to copy data over from another network PC.

The user account for operations does not require a password. As far as I can tell, Windows XP requires a password to schedule a task (null for password does not work). So, to get around this little Windows issue, I created a new administrative account w/ pw and under the user account, I scheduled the task with "Run as" the administrative account. The scheduled task worked, calling the batch file. However, the batch file did not complete (probably because the batch file has a mapped drive – mapped identically for both accounts, but when not logged onto the admin account the drive is disconnected). So, if I am logged onto the admin account the batch file runs correctly. If I am logged onto the user account the batch file will not complete. I would prefer to only have one account – the user account with no password.

Does anyone see a way around either the scheduling issue or the mapped drive issue? Thanks in advance.

I thought SP2 fixed the "password required to run scheduled task" business.

Here are some references:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;310715>

How to fix can be found at:

[http://groups.google.com/group/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help\\_and\\_support/browse\\_frm/thread/cb92d9af83625f30](http://groups.google.com/group/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help_and_support/browse_frm/thread/cb92d9af83625f30)